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Senate Concurrent Resolution 4012

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In support, if amendments offered by Senate Majority Leader Wardner are adopted

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Senator Kreun, Chair

February 18, 2021

Chairman Kreun, members of the committee, USND asks for your support of amendments proposed today by Senate Majority Leader Wardner, and if those amendments are adopted, we urge support of SCR 4012.

In the resolution's original form, we had concerns regarding various inaccuracies, as well as directives duplicating regulatory action. We do, however, support some of the underlying tenets, including the ability for North Dakota to support use of its abundant resources for electric resiliency. Further, we believe it is appropriate to continue to urge regional transmission organizations to develop market signals or pricing mechanisms which properly value those resources. We believe the amended language more accurately and appropriately addresses these issues, and if adopted, we urge passage.

Thank you.

